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1. WE APPRECIATE REPORT OF EFFORTS TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR
U.S. NPW VISITS TO NETHERLANDS. RECENT ACTION BY GON IS
ENCOURAGING.

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2. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST, LIST OF COUNTRIES WHICH

ACCEPT U.S. NPW VISITS ON THE BASIS OF STANDARD STATEMENT ASSURANCES FOLLOWS:

ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, CANADA, CHILE, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, GREECE, IRAN, ITALY, JAPAN, KENYA, MAURITIUS, NORWAY, PORTUGAL, PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES, REPUBLIC OF CHINA, SEYCHELLES, SINGAPORE, SOUTH KOREA, SPAIN, THAILAND, TUNISIA, UNITED KINGDOM AND POSSESSIONS, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA.

FYI. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE HAVE PROVIDED THE STANDARD STATEMENT TO ALL THE COUNTRIES LISTED SINCE MANY OF THE COUNTRIES ACCEPT OUR NPW IN THE SAME MANNER AS CONVENTIONAL

SHIPS AND HAVE NOT ASKED FOR ANY ADDITIONAL ASSURANCES FOR NPW. NONETHELESS, ALL OF THE STANDARD STATEMENT ASSURANCES ARE IN EFFECT FOR EVERY NPW VISIT EVEN THOUGH WE MAY NOT HAVE PRESENTED THE STANDARD STATEMENT DOCUMENT TO THE HOST GOVERNMENT. END FYI.

3. CONCERNING THE REQUEST FOR A LIST OF PORT CALLS WHICH CALIFORNIA WILL BE MAKING DURING THE SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER CRUISE TO NORTHERN EUROPE, FORMAL REQUESTS FOR PORT VISITS HAVE NOT YET BEEN SUBMITTED. NAVY IS EXPECTED TO SUBMIT SHORTLY REQUESTS FOR VISITS TO UK AND FRG PORTS AND, IF POSSIBLE, TO THE NETHERLANDS. OF INTEREST, NORWAY HAS AGREED TO A VISIT BY NIMITZ TO OSLO COMMENCING 22 SEPTEMBER ALTHOUGH FORMAL CLEARANCE FOR THE VISIT HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED. AS A MATTER OF POLICY, REQUESTS FOR VISITS ARE CLASSIFIED UNTIL FORMAL APPROVAL FOR THE VISIT HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE HOST GOVERNMENT AND BOTH GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED AGREE TO DECLASSIFICATION OF THE VISIT. ACCORDINGLY, YOU SHOULD MAKE POINT THAT PROSPECTIVE CALIFORNIA VISITS AND NIMITZ VISIT TO OSLO ARE STILL CLASSIFIED IN PROVIDING INFORMATION ON THESE VISITS.

4. AS EMBOFF SURMISED, THE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND PROCEDURES MENTIONED IN PARA 1 OF THE STANDARD STATEMENT ARE CONFIDENTIAL RESTRICTED DATA AND AS SUCH CANNOT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO GON AS CITED IN PARA 2E OF THE STANDARD STATEMENT. HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD POINT OUT TO GON, THAT U.S. NPW HAVE ACHIEVED A REMARKABLE SAFETY RECORD, ACCU-CONFIDENTIAL

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MULATING TO DATE OVER 1300 YEARS OF REACTOR OPERATION WITHOUT AN ACCIDENT. WITH 135 NAVAL REACTORS IN OPERATION, U.S. NPW HAVE VISITED OVER 85 FOREIGN PORTS IN COMPLETE SAFETY. FURTHER, TO ASSIST IN REMOVING ANY DUTCH CONCERNS OVER THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF NPW VISITS, TWO COPIES OF THE LATEST NAVY REPORT ON ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL ARE BEING POUCHED. THIS REPORT, A COPY OF WHICH SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO GON, CONFIRMS THAT

THE PROCEDURES USED BY THE U.S. NAVY TO CONTROL RELEASES OF RADIOACTIVITY FROM U.S. NPW AND THEIR SUPPORT FACILITIES ARE EFFECTIVE IN PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

5. CONCERNING THE COMMENT BY DUTCH NAVY CONTACT WHICH INDICATED APPROVAL OF NPW VISIT BY OTHER MINISTRIES WOULD BE DIFFICULT IF U.S. INSISTS ON SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CUSTOMARY PROCEDURES, PARAGRAPH 7 OF REFTEL B EXPLAINS APPLICATION OF PL 93-513 AND RECOGNIZES THAT CLAIMS COULD BE HANDLED SEVERAL WAYS, THROUGH SOFA CHANNELS OR DIRECTLY THROUGH U.S. CHANNELS.

CHANNELS IN THE STANDARD STATEMENT IS INTENDED TO INDICATE US IS WILLING TO DEAL WITH SUCH CLAIMS DIRECTLY FOR MOST EXPEDITIOUS RESOLUTION, WHICH NOW WILL BE ON THE BASIS OF APPLYING THE PRINCIPLE OF ABSOLUTE LIABILITY. THIS DOES NOT PRECLUDE ALTERNATIVES OF DIRECT SETTLEMENT BY US NAVY WITH INDIVIDUAL CLAIMANT OR PROCESSING OF CLAIM BY GON UNDER NATO SOFA. YOU SHOULD CLARIFY THIS MATTER WITH APPROPRIATE GON AND RNLN OFFICIALS. KISSINGER

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